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(57) Abstract

The invention is directed to physiologically active compounds of formula (I) wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents R<sup>3</sup>-Z<sup>3</sup>-, R<sup>3</sup>-L<sup>2</sup>-R<sup>4</sup>-Z<sup>3</sup>-R<sup>3</sup>-L<sup>3</sup>-Ar<sup>1</sup>-L<sup>4</sup>-Z<sup>3</sup>- or R<sup>3</sup>-L<sup>3</sup>-Ar<sup>1</sup>-L<sup>2</sup>-R<sup>4</sup>-Z<sup>3</sup>-; R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkoxy; A<sup>1</sup> represents a straight chain C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylene linkage optionally substituted by one or more groups chosen from alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, imino, oxo, thioxo, or alkyl substituted by -ZR<sup>6</sup>, -NY<sup>1</sup>Y<sup>2</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup> or -C(=O)-NY<sup>1</sup>Y<sup>2</sup>; L<sup>1</sup> represents a direct bond; an alkenylene, alkylene, alkynylene, cycloalkylene, heteroaryldiyl, heterocycloalkylene or arylene linkage each optionally substituted by (a) an acidic anxynylene, cycloaikenylene, cycloaikylene, neteroarylulyi, neterocycloaikylene or arylene linkage each optionally substituted by (a) an acidic functional group, cyano, oxo,  $-S(O)_mR^9$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $-C(=O)-R^3$ ,  $-C(=O)-OR^3$ ,  $-N(R^8)-C(=O)-R^9$ ,  $-N(R^8)-C(=O)-OR^9$ ,  $-N(R^8)-C(=O)-OR^9$ ,  $-N(R^8)-C(=O)-OR^9$ ,  $-N(R^9)-C(=O)-N(R$ bioisostere; and the corresponding N-oxides, and their prodrugs; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates of such compounds and their N-oxides and prodrugs. Such compounds have valuable pharmaceutical properties, in particular the ability to regulate the interaction of VCAM-1 and fibronectin with the integrin VLA-4 ( $\alpha 4\beta 1$ ).